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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE: ITALIAN STATEMENT

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1. YOU SHOULD COMMEND ITALIAN APPRAISAL OF KEY ELEMENTS IN US DRAFT OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. WHILE WE MIGHT DIFFER IN MINOR WAYS AS TO THE KEY ELEMENTS, AND WOULD NOT ACCORD SOME AS HIGH PRIORITY AS OTHERS, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
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HAS MADE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO ELEVATE DISCUSSION OF

MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE ABOVE DETAILS TOWARD A QUOTE LONG
RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT END QUOTE WHICH SEEKS A MORE REALIS-
TIC AND MORE COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO NATO DEFENSE PLANNING.
POINTS ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RAISED SHOULD CERTAINLY CON-
TRIBUTE TO FRAMING MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION IN DECEMBER.

2. WE WOULD WELCOME VIEWS OF OTHER ALLIES ON ASPECTS OF
MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE WHICH THEY FEEL SHOULD BE DISCUSSED
BY MINISTERS.

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